



Robert Dean Bierley

January 18, 1941 - September 14, 2023

OTTAWA LAKE, MI-Robert “Bob” Bierley, 82 of Ottawa Lake, MI died Thursday afternoon, September 14, 2023 at Toledo Hospital following hip replacement surgery and several ensuing complications.

Bob was born on January 18, 1941 in Blissfield, the son of Norman and Clara (Ehlert) Bierley and grew up on Rouget Road. He was a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church during his formative years and graduated from Blissfield High School as part of the class of 1959.

Bob served in the National Guard and went on to work at Blissfield Manufacturing and later General Motors in Tecumseh before retiring. He was well known, liked and respected in his neighborhood as a neighbor who would do anything to help a fellow neighbor. He was a talented woodworker and could fix almost anything with a motor.

Bob was married to his wife, Nancy (Hill) Bierley, for more than 52 years and has one son he loved and cherished, Brian Bierley, now of Waterford, MI. Bob enjoyed following the Whiteford Bobcats’ sports teams and was a lifelong fan and supporter of the Detroit Tigers. In retirement, he became a fan of the Michigan Wolverines where his son was a student manager during the “Fab Five” men’s basketball era. Later, he enjoyed following the Detroit Pistons, the team his son worked for after college.

In addition to his wife and son, Bob is survived by his twin sister Betty Prielipp of Blissfield and his older brother John (Jane) Bierley of Ottawa Lake. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother-in-law William “Bill” Prielipp,

as well as his sister's longtime companion Clarence Sager.

Family and friends may visit Wagley Funeral Home, Tagsold Chapel, in Blissfield on Thursday, Sept. 21, between 10 a.m. to noon, with burial immediately following. Family friend and Lighthouse Fellowship Prayer Tower elder Christopher S. DuPree will officiate. Bob's final resting place will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Blissfield, near his parents and among several generations of family members.

For his love of animals, and particularly his love for his best friend and pet cockatiel companion, Patches, the family suggests any memorial contributions in Bob's memory go to the Lenawee Humane Society in Adrian. Online condolences and memories may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com

Cemetery Details

Pleasant View Cemetery

9175 E. US 223
Blissfield, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Funeral Service

SEP 21. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Burial

SEP **21**. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Pleasant View Cemetery
9175 E. US 223
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Tribute Wall

JF

“ We will miss him. He was a great neighbor and friend to our family. Mr. Bierley we love you and will treasure the decades of memories. Nancy and Brian you are in our thoughts and prayers. The world is truly less without him.

Love,

Juliana (Zilba) and Rick Furay

Juliana Furay - September 21, 2023 at 01:25 PM

TM

“ Bob was a great neighbor and friend. He and I had many conversations about cars (he had a lot of them) and tools (he had a lot of them) and experiences (he had a lot of them too). He knew all the history of the Tigers players and their batting averages. He told me about his time in the National Guard when he was sent to Detroit during the riots. A country kid in the big city. Luckily, he didn't have to shoot anybody. He took great pride in his yard and house. Bob was so proud of his son, Brian, and his accomplishments. He will be missed in our neighborhood.

Our sincere condolences to Nancy and Brian, Betty and John and Jane.

Tom and Kathy McGannon and Family

Tom McGannon - September 20, 2023 at 03:24 PM

NB

“ *nancy bierley lit a candle in memory of Robert Bierley*



nancy bierley - September 20, 2023 at 10:26 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Bierley.*



September 19, 2023 at 06:14 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Bierley.*



September 19, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RE

“ *Ronald E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Dean Bierley.*

Ronald E. - September 19, 2023 at 10:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Bierley.*



September 19, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Bierley.*



September 19, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



nancy bierley - September 18, 2023 at 06:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Dean Bierley.*



September 18, 2023 at 04:46 PM

JH

“ Sorry to hear of Bob's passing. He and Betty were in my graduating class of '59, and rode my bus during our high school years. Such a nice, respectful and friendly person. My condolences to the family.

Janet (Marks) Harsh - September 18, 2023 at 09:52 AM

NF

Bob, Kent Hull, & I used to run around together after we graduated from high school. And the fond memories of us three going up Northern Michigan for a short vacation and running around together on weekends. John & Betty will remember me too.

We are sorry for your loss.

Love & prayers,

Norm & Margaret Fisher

P.S, From Wisconsin formerly of Michigan

Norman L. Fisher - September 18, 2023 at 12:01 PM

NB

Yes, I have heard many many stories from Bob about you, .Kent and him!

nancy bierley - September 18, 2023 at 06:23 PM